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Via Facsimile & U.S. Mail

Mr. Jos Dombrowski
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Re: First Response to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Request for Information in Connection with Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

I write today, on behalf of the Joe Madden Ford facility located at 5126 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois (the "Facility"), to respond to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("IEPA") Request for Information in connection with its Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation. The Facility is in the process of contacting and gathering information from many current and former employees who may have knowledge regarding the issues set forth in the Request for Information. In addition, we are reviewing documents and reports that may provide responsive information. We have also contacted the Facility's former owner and operator who has agreed to cooperate in the preparation of this response. In sum, as you can appreciate, we are investing significant resources into preparing complete and detailed answers. However, as noted in prior discussions and correspondence with Mark Gurnik, this process requires more time than originally allotted by IEPA. Please be assured that the Facility is committed to filing a supplemental response by November 21, 2001, and thereafter as may be necessary.

Very truly yours.

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Dear Mr. Dombrowski: Please see attached. Thank you.